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In re application of:

BRIAN PERRY

Application No.: 09/872,817

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For: VACUUM MANIFOLD FOR BOTH
MULTI-WELL PLATE AND
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AMENDMENT NO. 3

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the complete set of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.